# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:8046
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2000
INFORMAL LABOUR SECTOR
SAHIB SINGH VERMA

**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the situation of informal labour sector?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT ( SHRI MUNI LALL )

A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 8046 FOR 17.05.2000 BY SHRI SAHIB SINGH REGARDING INFORMAL LABOUR SECTOR

The Government have enacted a number of labour laws to improve the conditions of labourers including those in informal sector. Some of these laws are the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966, the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976, the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service Act, 1979, the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction Workers` Welfare Cess Act, 1996 etc. Workers engaged in iron ore, manganese ore, chrome ore, limestone, dolomite and mica mines, cine industry and beedi industry are also covered by the various welfare programmes undertaken under the concerned welfare funds. State Governments have also launched insurance and social security schemes covering a large number of workers engaged in specific activities like handloom weavers, rickshaw pullers etc. Improvement in quality of employment and conditions of work of workers in the unorganised/informal sector has been continues to be a matter of prime concern for the Government.

The Government are also implementing a number of schemes like Jawahar Rojgar Yojna (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), etc.for the welfare and improvement of the conditions of rural unorganised informal labourers in the country. A New Programme known a `Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojna` (SGSY),has been launched from April, 1999 by amalgamating existing schemes viz. IRDP, TRYSEM, DWCRA etcThis is a holistic programme covering all aspect of self employment such as organisation of the poor into self help groups, training, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing.